

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-8 and 11-16 are pending in this application.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Dinh for the telephone interviews of June 19, 2006 and June 30, 2006, attended by Examiner Minh Dinh and Allan Sponseller. No exhibits were shown. The amendments to claim 1 that are part of this response were discussed. Agreement as to the allowability of claims 1-8 and 11-16, as amended above, was reached.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 11-16 stand allowable over the art of record, subject to the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections.

35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-8 and 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as well as claims 2-8 and 11-16 depending from claim 1, comply with 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Claims 1-8 and 11-16 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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